

gravity flow by constructing 185 kilometres long canal including two tunnels for an estimated cost of Rs. 480 crores was received at the Centre in February, 1985. It envisages irrigation to an area of 1, 21,408 hectares annually in Nalganda District besides providing drinking water to Nalganda town. Subsequently, in October, 1986 this proposals was superseded by another alternative proposals which envisaged lifting waters from the foreshore of Nagarjunasagar reservoir at an estimated cost of Rs. 353 crores to realise early benefits.

(c) The Project envisages utilisation of surplus water over and above the allocation made by Krishna Water Disputes tribunal Award. As the availability of surplus water is not certain, the project was sent back to the State Government in June, 1987 and they are required to clearly establish the water availability on long term basis.

Kadban reservoir Project

7016. SHRI CHHEDIPASWAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received modified project report of the Kadban Reservoir from the Government of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to include this Project in the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). While the Eighth Plan pro-

posals have not been finalised, inclusion of a project depends on its techno-economic acceptability.

Desalination Plants

7017. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any public sector undertaking has developed desalination plant indigenously on the lines of Israel;

(b) if so, the names of such public undertakings and the number of plants developed so far, the places if their installation and the results achieved;

(c) whether the Central Ground Water Board had conducted research and study to assess the ground water potential and the cause of salinity of most of the tube wells in VASAVIRAR area of Maharashtra;

(d) if so, the findings of the Board; and

(e) if not, whether the Government will consider directing the Board to undertake such a study and report in a time bound programme?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). The information is being collected.

(c) to (e). The Study by Central Ground Water Board, to assess the ground water potential and cause of salinity in VASAVIR area is currently in hand and results are awaited.

Availability of Steel in SAIL, Cochin Branch

7018. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the availability of steel in Cochin Branch of the Steel Authority of India from June, 1991 to February, 1992, month-wise;

(b) whether Steel is given to applicants on priority basis;

(c) if so, the number applications pending;

(d) whether there is delay in giving steel

to the applicants; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The details of monthwise sales of steel from the Cochin Branch Sales Office of Steel Authority of India Ltd. are given below;

<i>Month</i>	<i>Quantity in tonnes</i>
June, 91	3066
July, 91	3627
August, 91	3317
September, 91	1962
October, 91	3718
November, 91	4966
December, 91	3640
January, 92	3567
February, 92	6532
Total	34395

(b) Consequent upon the de-regulation of iron and steel with effect from 16.1.1992, it has been decided by the Government that the iron and steel requirements of Defense, Railways, Small Scale Industries Sector, Exporters of Engineering Goods and the North Eastern Region would be met on priority, at the prices to be announced by the producers. Other consumers are to be supplied iron and steel by the producers, based on their demand restriction and the availability of the indented materials, from time to time.

(c) receipts of applications/demand registrations from the customers, and the supplies by the producers are continuing processes. The pendency of applications will, therefore, vary from stockyard to stockyard and from time to time.

(d) and (e). Sometimes delays take place in supplying the indented materials to the customers due to the registered demand exceeding the availability at a given point of time, operational/movement constraints etc.